GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3080
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INCLUSION OF SC/ST CHRISTAINS AND MUSLIMS IN SC LIST
P.C. THOMAS;YOGI ADITYANATH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the demand made by Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe Christians and Muslims to enlist them in the Schedule to Indian Constitution so that they get rights of Scheduled Castes/STs; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a)&(b) Request for provision of benefits which accrue to the Scheduled Castes, topersons professing Christian or Islam religions, is under process as per the approved modalities. Since this requires consultation with several agencies, no time frame can be assigned in this regard.

As regards Scheduled Tribe, professing of religion is not the criteria foraccrual of benefits and all communities listed as Scheduled Tribe are entitled to get admissible benefits.